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News Release

The Sheep Fire about 140 acres

CRAIG, Colo. – Two Moffat County Sheriff's engines, two Bureau of Land Management engines, and one Maybell Volunteer Fire Department water tender were mobilized to the Sheep Fire seven miles north of Maybell, Colo. The blaze is now 50 percent contained and estimated to be 140 acres. Spread potential of the fire was high initially with afternoon winds, but fire activity had quieted by early evening. The cause has not been determined.

A BLM engine crew responded to the Twentyfour Fire in the Piceance Basin in Rio Blanco County. Lightning was the cause of this incident which is 100 percent contained.

Today fire managers were able to map the Ladore Fire from a helicopter using a Global Positioning System. They established the size of fire to be 1,002 acres. Late afternoon winds picked up and pushed the fire to the northeast increasing the size to an estimated 1,072 acres.

The Ladore Fire is two miles northwest of the Gates of Lodore in the Bureau of Land Management Diamond Breaks Wilderness Study Area and 32 miles northeast of Vernal, Utah. It's in a very remote, inaccessible location. Fire officials are allowing this fire to play its natural role in the environment which will encourage regeneration of grasses and shrubs while cleaning up dead and down vegetative materials. A eight-person fire crew is monitoring and observing fire behavior in the event any suppression actions become necessary. Lightning ignited this incident and it was reported August 26.

The Skillet Fire on the Routt National Forest is being managed for multiple objectives and is one tenth acre. Fire crews are monitoring that fire and reported it received rain yesterday.

No structures are threatened. No injuries reported.

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